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HOMELESSNESS

Women's issues need to factor into national strategy: YMCA

It is 2016 and Ottawa must ensure its promised national housing strategy includes a "gender lens" that connects women's lack of affordable housing and homelessness to their lower incomes, longer lives and roles as mothers, YWCA Canada says.

The strategy must also recognize the trauma of women and girls facing sexual violence and domestic abuse and ensure that housing for them includes the needed support services, says the country's largest organization serving women and girls in its brief to the government's consultation on the plan.

"For women and girls, housing, homelessness and safety from violence are interconnected," says the report being released Monday. "Failure to include a gender-based analysis can be a matter of life and death."

Domestic violence drives 75,000 to 100,000 women and children from their homes into emergency shelters every year, the report notes.

"This is the first opportunity in our history to get a national housing strategy that counts women and girls in and takes a serious look at how housing, affordability and homelessness are lived by women and girls," said the report's author Ann Decter.

Toronto mother Dana Yates, 37, has struggled with homelessness since she left home at age 14 due to her mother's drug addiction. At age 18, she was a struggling mother of two and was forced into sex work to pay rent and put food on the table.

"My whole life has been one struggle for a secure home, where my home wasn't in jeopardy," she said. 'There has been no stability for me."

When Yates's children were age 5 and 6, she reluctantly sent them to live with their father who was better able to care for them. But the pain of losing them pushed her into drug use. With the help of Sistering, a Toronto service for homeless and precariously housed women, she was able to kick her addiction and she now helps other women facing similar trauma.

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Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

"When I was young, my mom took me to Cuba and brought me to a witch doctor who got me to hold a chicken, broke the chicken's neck in my hands as it was still freaking out and trying to get away and whatnot. She was yelling all kinds of gibberish to cast all the bad spirits out of me. We knew a local family there, and, to them, it's really good to cast bad spirits out so they thought it would be a great idea to go. To this day, I'm terrified of all those things."

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. Selections from her work feature weekly in Metro. See more at Humans of Toronto on Instagram.

Group proposes fake developments

PLANNING

Mock signs call attention to 'ludicrous' city projects

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A fake development sign has popped up in front of Old City Hall, suggesting a 90-storey tower will be built on top of the heritage building. The anonymous group of artists believes city development has spiralled out of control. CONTRIBUTED

Call them a sign of the times.

A group of anonymous artists have created parody versions of the city's development proposal signs and placed them in front of prominent buildings across Toronto.

The fake proposals range from the plausible — a 30-storey residential tower adjacent to Casa Loma — to the outright ridiculous — a 40-storey condo tower appended to the top of the CN Tower, complete with parking.

In order to remain anonymous, the creators of the signs spoke with Metro via email, using local artist Daniel Rotsztain as an intermediary. They said the signs are a humorous attempt to draw attention to a serious issue that's shaping the city.

"Toronto is experiencing a massive amount of development ... it feels like the process is completely out of our control," they said.

The artists insist they're not opposed to developments or condos, just the "increasingly ludicrous" nature of some of the proposals on the market, including 65-storey condo planned at the F. W. Woolworth building near Yonge and Queen.

"We wanted to address the idea that it seems like nothing is too special to be considered for a condo development," they said.

They also want to raise an important issue: How much is the average citizen really part of the process of city building?

"We need to have a government that reflects our values and actually listens to our ideas," they said. "We need to hold them to that and to create effective mechanisms to develop more community space, services, affordable housing and thoughtful development in Toronto."

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Stores feel sidelined by Bloor St. bike lane

CITY PLANNING

Shop owners see dip in traffic after parking spaces removed

Book shop owner Doug Miller blames a drop in sales on the loss of on-street parking. NICK KOZAK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

On a Wednesday morning earlier this month, two dozen cyclists gathered at the Ave Maria Latin Cafe on Bloor Street West. On another day, many of the riders might have picked up their coffee at one of the chain stores down the street, but on this morning they'd decided to make a point.

The café had recently told a TV news station that the new separated bike lane on Bloor Street was hurting its business.

Supporters of the lane — which was installed on the major downtown artery in August after decades of hard-fought advocacy — wanted to demonstrate that bicyclists are customers too.

Supporters of the bike lane are wise to pay attention to how Bloor's business owners are faring. Although in May councillors overwhelmingly approved the cycle track on a pilot project basis in a vote of 38-3, making it permanent after its one-year trial period could be a hard sell if local retailers aren't onside.

And although it's still early days, some businesses say they're already taking a hit.

Maria Suarez, who owns Ave Maria, wasn't exactly won over by the cyclists' coffee "love-in." In an interview later that day, she told the Star that her sales are down 40 per cent since the bike lane went in, and neighbouring businesses are seeing similar declines.

"Everybody is talking, we have to do something," she said. "Everybody is very concerned about it."

Doug Miller, owner of Doug Miller Books at Bloor and Euclid Avenue, also estimated that his sales were down about 40 per cent. Like Suarez, he attributed the downturn to the loss of on-street parking.

Although there are 860 off-street parking spaces in the area, roughly half of the 280 on-street pay-and-display spots along the bike lane's route between Shaw Street and Avenue Road were removed to make way for the bike lane.

Miller said the impact was "immediate."

"As soon as the bike lanes came in and the parking was greatly diminished, a lot of our regular customers stopped coming in," said Miller, who is a cyclist himself.

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ROAD SAFETY

Seniors forced to drive despite the risk: Study

A lack of transportation alternatives is deterring some senior citizens from hanging up their car keys, even if it's no longer safe for them to drive.

That is the conclusion of a new study, released this month by the Conference Board of Canada, which determined that while some seniors are dependent on their cars for longer than they should be, many of them have few other options if they wish to maintain their independence and mobility.

28%

Percentage of seniors who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease who have a driver's licence

"Either seniors will decrease their travel when they don't have alternatives, which leads to poor health and quality of life, or some will continue to drive even as their physical and mental capacity decline, which creates risk for themselves and people in the community," said Daniel Munro, associate director of public policy for the conference board and the author of the report.

The report noted that among Canadians aged 65 to 74, 68 per cent reported driving as their primary form of transportation. For people older than 85, the number was 31 per cent. Less than eight per cent of seniors relied on public transit and less than five per cent walked.

According to previous research, more than one in five seniors diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or dementia reported driving in the past month, and 17 per cent said driving was still their primary form of transportation.

Munro said those numbers are concerning.

In Ontario, once drivers reach the age of 80 they have to renew their licences every two years.

Munro said the province's approach shows that the government is at least thinking about the challenge of balancing seniors' right to autonomy with safety concerns.

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Grants not trickling down: Artists

FUNDING

Big art companies get most cash, local artists struggle

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Toronto artists will join their peers in Ottawa Tuesday to demand fairer access to federal arts funding.

About 160 artists from across the country will gather at Parliament Hill for this year's Arts Day, where they'll discuss the federal government's role in creating a more diverse arts community.

"We're bringing an equity-seeking message to Ottawa," said Kevin Ormsby, a Toronto-based dance teacher and choreographer.

Ormsby said not all federal arts grants are created equal, and most of the money is channeled to larger arts companies while grassroots organizations continue to struggle.

"These small artistic ventures are actually the ones creating an impact to our local communities, and we need to show that by allowing them more access to grants," he said.

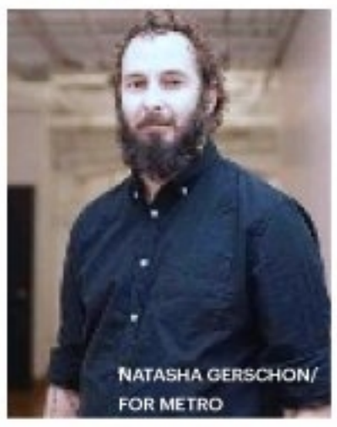
While there's still much to be improved, artists won't just be critical when they arrive en masse on Parliament Hill; they'll also be grateful.

The Liberal government announced a commitment to double funding for the Canadian Council for the Arts, promising to invest up to $550 million in the organization over the next five years.

"This kind of forward thinking is something we haven't seen in a long time, particularly in the previous government," said Andrew Lamb, artistic director of Toronto's Roseneath Theatre.

The performance organization specializes in theatre for young audiences, where they tour schools in Canada and the United States playing pieces that tackle issues affecting children and youth such as sexual assaults, drug and alcohol abuse, bullying, diversity and mental health.

They've been reaching up to 100,000 kids per year, but with access to more funds, Lamb hopes the organization can increase the reach of its programming.



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Lots of small towns all over the country are becoming centres of production, and the industry is becoming incredibly diverse. As artists, we need to look at what we share and continue to advocate for independent media artists to also get access to financial support.

Ben Donoghue, filmmaker, installation artist, and director of Media Arts Network of Ontario

NATASHA GERSCHON/ FOR METRO

Diversity isn't just about ethnicity. We need to see diversity in the art that is produced. I think there has to be more value to social activism as well. As artists we have to make sure that access to funding also reaches grassroots organizations, not just the big companies.

Kevin Ormsby, artistic director of KasheDance, dance teacher and choreographer

NATASHA GERSCHON/ FOR METRO

This huge influx of cash in the arts industry makes it possible for projects to have some longevity. We continue to advocate for Canadian copyright review to make sure the artist's voice is heard and respected, especially in school systems.

Robin Sokoloski, executive director of the Playwrights Guild of Canada

EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

At least once a year we take our touring to the U.S.A., which is a great chance to showcase the Canadian values abroad. Our acting gives kids a chance to talk about issues they face and be part of the solutions, and we always wish we could reach more schools.

Andrew Lamb, artistic director of Roseneth Theatre

NATASHA GERSCHON/ FOR METRO

There's a clear will from leadership to help indigenous artists and those from the diaspora, and that's a great thing. Encouraging more diverse forms of arts and empowering people to express their identity through arts is definitely going to make our society better.

Charles Smith, artistic director of Wind in the Leaves and executive director of Cultural Pluralism in the Arts Movement Ontario

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UN in hot water over superhero

EMPOWERMENT

'Real woman' more ideal for ambassador: Advocates

May Warren
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A Muslim superhero. A character representing the Cree community. Or, maybe, just maybe, a real woman.

The UN is in hot water after tapping Wonder Woman to be their global ambassador for women's empowerment — and some local women have plenty of thoughts on people who may have been better choices.

Gabrielle Ross-Marquette, communications coordinator at METRAC in Toronto, a non-profit that combats violence against women and children, suggested Ms. Marvel (Kamala Khan) a 16-year-old Pakistani American, who's the first Muslim superhero leading her own comic book.

Or Cree superhero Equinox, who was created with input from the Moose Factory Cree community and has superpowers that change with the seasons.

Melanie Gallant, spokesperson for Oxfam Canada, a national organization that works to end poverty by promoting the rights of women and girls, said she's "happy to see a strong feminist icon chosen" but would have preferred a real woman who embodies some of the values the UN tries to promote around the world.

Someone like Viola Desmond, a Canadian woman who fought against racial segregation in Nova Scotia in the 1940s and 1950s.

Viola Desmond has been described as the Rosa Parks of Canada. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Nancy Coldham, co-chair of Equal Voice Toronto, which works to get more women elected in Canada, said she can see why the international body tapped Wonder Woman for the role.

"They are trying to reach a tech-savvy audience," she said, adding comic book characters have been used around the world for worthy causes like promoting literacy and preventing bullying.

But an international competition to design a special UN character would have given the chance to add some diversity, she said.

Coldham can see why people are upset, with the announcement coming so soon after several well qualified women were passed over for role of the UN secretary-general.

"I think juxtaposed with that everybody looks at this and goes, really? Come on."

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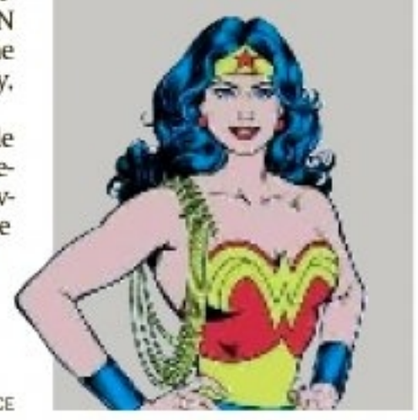
PETITION

Wonder Woman, who took her new "post" in mid-October, is already facing a recall petition signed by more than 600 UN staff. The petition notes "a large-breasted white woman of impossible proportions is perhaps not the best spokesperson for gender equity around the globe."



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A May 9, 2016, photo shows German Chub, who was left paraplegic after he was shot during a conflict near a Canadian-owned mine in Guatemala. A report says the government should do more to address violence associated with Canadian mines. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Violence rampant at mines: Report

LATIN AMERICA

Feds criticized for failing to address deaths and injuries

A new report that documents 15 years of violence near Canadian mines in Latin America says the federal government is not doing enough to address the problem.

The study, published Monday, charts 44 deaths, 403 injuries and 709 arrests, detentions and charges from 2000 to 2015 that the authors link to 28 Canadian companies' mining projects in 13 countries in the region.

"The world is taking notice of Canadian companies for all the wrong reasons," said Shin Imai, a law professor at York University's Osgoode Hall Law School and principal author of the report, titled The Canada Brand: Violence and Canadian Mining Companies in Latin America.

"We need a more robust way to hold companies accountable," he said.

Pierre Gratton, president of the Mining Association of Canada, which represents several of Canada's largest resource companies, said his members are committed to human rights and do disclose workplace injuries and fatalities in annual sustainability reporting.

Some Canadian companies work in "jurisdictions in which levels of violence are significantly higher, and respect for the rule of law lower, than that experienced in Canada, which is a challenge," Gratton said. "Our members don't condone violence nor, in many of these examples, is violence directly correlated to operations."

Ottawa requires that Canadian mining companies follow voluntary corporate social responsibility (CSR) codes in their overseas activity. The office of the federal CSR counsellor also works to "reduce and constructively resolve" conflicts between local communities and Canadian companies. That office does not conduct investigations nor have the power to sanction companies.

Most companies subscribe to what is known as "voluntary principles on security and human rights," Gratton said, a framework that requires companies to respect human rights, including in its dealings with police and security personnel.

The report found 33 deaths, 57 injuries and 37 arrests, detentions and charges in the data set that were linked to the projects of publicly listed Canadian companies.

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For two of the most prominent voices inside the Trudeau government's influential council of economic advisers, it's much more than a passing fancy — it's a target.

The 14-member council was assembled by Finance Minister Bill Morneau to provide "bold" advice on how best to guide Canada's struggling economy out of its slow-growth rut.

One of their first recommendations, released last week, called for a gradual increase in permanent immigration to 450,000 people a year by 2021 — with a focus on top business talent and international students. That would be a 50 per cent hike from the current level of about 300,000.

The council members — along with many others, including Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains - argue that opening Canada's doors to more newcomers is a crucial ingredient for expanding growth in the future.

They say it's particularly important as more and more of the country's baby boomers enter their golden years, which eats away at the workforce.

The conviction to bring in more immigrants is especially significant for at least two of the people around the advisory team's table.

Growth council chair Dominic Barton, the powerful global managing director of consulting firm McKinsey & Co., and Mark Wiseman, a senior managing director for investment management giant BlackRock Inc., are among the founders of a group dedicated to seeing the country responsibly expand its population to help drive its economic potential. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Jungle is finished'

CALAIS, FRANCE

Thousands of migrants face the unknown as camp closes

Migrants prayed, plotted and played soccer together Sunday, a day before France starts clearing them by the thousands from a makeshift refugee camp that is doomed for destruction.

But the scene that would pass for normal on another day at the slum-like camp in the northern port town of Calais nicknamed the "jungle" was anything but routine.

On Monday, 60 buses are set to transport 3,000 migrants to reception centres scattered around France. By week's end, the camp is to be emptied and destroyed.

"Tomorrow the jungle is finished. You know it, right?" Enrika Kareivaite, a volunteer with aid group Care4Calais, told a group of migrants. Police and volunteers will be on hand, she said, "and we will ask you to leave with us together, OK?"

Demonstrators throw back tear gas canisters to French riot police during clashes near Calais, France. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After nightfall, groups of migrants used portable toilets to set huge bonfires on a sandy no-man's land on the camp's edge that authorities carved out earlier this year to push camp inhabitants away from a road leading to port and ferries to England.

Scores of riot police were keeping watch, and some occasionally charged the groups igniting the flames.

The evacuation of at least 6,486 migrants — aid groups have estimated 8,300 — has been in the works for two months and is expected to take a week. It is unfolding as a complex ballet of lines, interviews, and bus rides to the unknown.

The people at the camp, who will be allowed to pick two regions of a country they don't know as their intended destination, were just learning the details Sunday.

"The objective has been reached. We have more than 7,000 places. We have a place for everyone," Calais' social cohesion director Serge Szarzynski said Sunday.

But most migrants encountered were unaware of how the operation was to proceed and unsure where their next landing place would be.

Some people staying at the camp said they fear ending up in unwelcoming villages with few economic opportunities instead of cities, a real possibility.

"And there are rumours here that they are taking them to warehouses," said Tariq Shinwari, a 26-year-old Afghan who has applied for asylum in France.

The camp that sprang up 18 months ago in the sand dunes near the Calais port is home to a population that fled wars and other crises, from Syria and Afghanistan to Eritrea and Ethiopia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

POLAND

Abortion-restriction protests continuing

Polish women put black clothes back on and returned to the streets Sunday, launching another round of protests against efforts by the nation's conservative leaders to tighten Poland's already restrictive abortion law.

A large group gathered outside the parliament building in Warsaw, decrying the Catholic Church's influence on political life and chanting "We have had enough!" Similar protests took place in other cities.

The protests are expected to have their culmination on Monday, when some women are also planning a strike, boycotting jobs and classes.

Similar protests took place three weeks ago against a proposal for a total ban on abortion. Lawmakers rejected that proposal after massive crowds of women dressed in black staged streets protests under their umbrellas in the rain.

The latest round of demonstrations, held under the slogan "We are not folding up our umbrellas," was organized in response to a new proposal that would fall short of a total ban, but outlaw abortions in cases where fetuses are unviable or badly damaged.

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IN BRIEF

Iraq bans alcohol

Iraq's parliament has passed a law forbidding the import, production or selling of alcoholic beverages in a move that angered many in the country's Christian community who rely on the business. The law imposes a fine of up to $21,000, for anyone violating the ban.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tour bus hits truck, killing 13, injuring 31 in California

A tour bus slammed into the back of a semi-truck on a Southern California highway early Sunday, killing 13 people and injuring at least 31 others, some critically, authorities said. The bus was going much faster than the truck, police said.

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION
What do I say when people ask how much my engagement ring cost?

Dear Ellen,

Since getting engaged, my fiancé and I have had numerous questions from friends about how much the ring cost. I find this question offensive and I have refused to answer. My fiancé has given a ballpark figure (i.e., between $2,000 and $3,000). What is the right way to handle this question without sounding rude?

Engagement Ring Woes

Dear ERW,

I'm always struck by innately polite people who bend over backwards to protect the feelings of innately rude people. Then again, I suppose that's the definition of good manners: treating other people respectfully regardless of their own tactless, nosy, obtuse behaviour toward you.

Asking how much your ring cost is on the Top 11 List of Rude Questions That Should Never Be Asked. The other 10:

1. "Are you pregnant?"
2. "Why don't you have kids yet?"
3. "Are you having trouble getting pregnant?"
4. "Are you going to get married? (Which often comes complete with: "Why hasn't he/she/they asked yet?")
5. "How much did your house cost?"
6. "How much money do you earn?"
7. "Did you resign or were you fired?"
8. "Is that what you're wearing?"
9. "I heard you guys split up — whose fault was it?"
10. "What is that thing on your face?"

I could list many more rude questions, of course, having once been a younger, tactless, nosy, obtuse person who asked many of them myself.

We think we're just being curious when we pose these queries. But what seems innocuous to us can feel like a gut punch to those who can't get pregnant, or who just got dumped, fired or diagnosed with a horrible facial-skin disease.

Back to the ring. You say you refuse to answer when people ask how much it cost, which is your right. But then you ask how to handle this question "without sounding rude?" This makes me wonder how you've been handling it so far. I'm going to assume you aren't telling people to shut the hell up and eff off.

Perhaps you're confusing the potential awkwardness of a polite but firm "no" with rudeness, because it makes people uncomfortable. But there's nothing wrong with replying, "I'd rather not say how much my ring costs." You don't have to add anything. You don't have to rush headlong into the silence to save anyone's feelings. If whoever asked the rude question has any sensitivity to social cues at all, they'll realize their mistake and learn from it. Thanks to you.

And if they're insensitive clods who persist ("C'mon, tell me. I really wanna know"), you can just smile and explain, as if to a small child: "I don't want to tell you and I'm not going to."

Best of luck with your nuptials. Just be prepared to have the same answer ready when you get asked how much the wedding cost.

Perhaps you're confusing the potential awkwardness of a polite but firm 'no' with rudeness

Need advice?
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VICKY MOCHAMA

Wearing a 'nasty woman' shirt without harassment is a privilege available to white women

As a black woman, I will not be wearing a "nasty woman" T-shirt.

In the waning moments of the final presidential debate, Donald Trump called Hillary Clinton "such a nasty woman." Now, women — mostly white women — are reclaiming "nasty woman" and turning it into a capitalist empire: There are Nasty Woman cocktails, perfumes, tote bags and T-shirts. Some have donated their proceeds to charity. Others, well, just got paid.

There's an entire "nasty woman" economy but my credit card will be staying in my wallet.

The word "'nasty'" hypersexualizes and diminishes black women. It's a term of contempt. When the Beckys at the top of "Baby Got Back" take the measure of the black woman in their midst, the judgment they arrive at is clear: She's a nasty girl.

"I mean, her butt, is just so big

I can't believe it's just so round, it's like

Out there, I mean — gross. Look!

She's just so ... black!"

When they say "she looks like a total prostitute," they're echoing a racist, misogynist trope that's much more pervasive than you might realize. I don't know of a single black woman who hasn't been mistaken for a sex worker. Whether it's rambunctious white boys driving by to ask "How much?" or the Paris waiter who asked me to sit inside instead of alone on the patio, we're assumed to be available for purchase.

The freedom to wear a "nasty woman" shirt without being sexually accosted and harassed is a privilege available to white women.

White feminism can be alienating for non-white feminists. As writer Catherine Young explains, "White feminism is a set of beliefs that allows for the exclusion of issues that specifically affect women of colour.

"It is 'one size-fits all' feminism, where middle-class white women are the mould that others must fit."

White feminism looks like #LeanIn when black women can't get job interviews because their names are different. It sounds like Hillary Clinton saying "This all started in Seneca Falls," a women's rights convention where no black women were present.

Black women and other women of colour are routinely told that supporting Hillary is a feminist requirement when surely the only feminist requirement is dresses with pockets. Women of colour are being asked to set aside their valid concerns; we're being told to favour our gender over our race even when the world defines us by both.

So no "Nasty Woman" shirt for me. I'll just continue wearing my favourite shirt, which reads, "I met God. She's black."

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AFTER THE GAME

Athletes say they call out vulgarity if they hear it

Perry King
For Metro Canada

Not in his locker room

Matt Black, the Argos' defensive back and kick returner, says he sees more guys giving back to the communities where they grew up than taking part in stereotypical, misogynist locker room behaviour. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The conversation Donald Trump had on a 2005 videotape, words he described as "locker room talk," were definitely not the kind of words Mobeen Noormohamed would ever use.

Playing rec league hockey with the same guys for more than a decade, Noormohamed has seen the locker room as a place to connect with the guys he plays with, as well as an outlet to let off some steam.

"It is sometimes like a venting thing, talking about work or about life," said Noormohamed, from his Stouffville, Ont. home, "and the guys relate to that."

If they do talk about women, especially their spouses, it's kept tame. "Is it a lot of vulgarity? No, not really. At the same time, is it stuff that we would talk about with our spouses? Probably not," added Noormohamed, a husband and father of two.

In the Toronto Argonauts locker room, they talk about everything under the sun. Matt Black, the team's defensive back and kick returner, says he sees more guys giving back to the communities where they grew up than living up to the misogynist label associated with the stereotypical locker room behaviour attached to Trump.

"Just because it happens in a locker room doesn't make it OK for you to say something like that," said Black, who has taken part in the Argos' Make the Call program, one that develops violence prevention strategies by talking to men and boys, including many high schoolers, about their attitudes toward women.

"I'm a father of a daughter," he added. "If my daughter comes home and tells me something (violent) happened to her, what's any father going to think? I'm going to be enraged."

Noormohamed and Black have each heard minimal vulgar comments about women in their spaces, but Dr. Margery Holman from the University of Windsor argues that the behaviour is still very common. Researching about women and sport for years, Holman has found locker room culture to be historically male-dominated, where misogynist behaviour can stew.

She said talking with utter vulgarity about women behind closed doors sends the message that feeling and thinking that way is OK and enables even worse behaviour in men, even violence, in the future.

Recently, many athletes, including the NBA's Lebron James, denounced Trump's comments, saying that his Cleveland Cavaliers teammates don't talk about women that way. A 2012 survey, conducted by the White Ribbon campaign in Ontario, says 97 per cent of men thought that violence against women was unacceptable to them and that they have a personal role to play in stopping it.

But, Holman argues, those voices still represent a "vocal minority."

"If you ask athletes, they might be reluctant to talk about it. Often it's something that's under the table. There's a lot of silence that shrouds it," she said. Comparing that talk with hazing, Holman says the sports environment is protective and that many athletes still don't call out other men or confront the issue.

"It's really difficult to stand up to it," explained Holman, who has studied sexual harassment as part the university's kinesiology department. "The majority of men don't engage in those behaviours, but we need them to speak out against others."

Pushing back against mindsets like Trump's and preventing its escalation into sexual violence is hard, but there is work being done to create a space for that conversation.

Mobeen Noormohamed has played rec league hockey with the same guys for more than a decade. PERRY KING/FOR METRO

Mike Schaaf, who co-ordinates the MANifest Change program, a men's outreach effort organized by the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women, has reached out to about 2,000 people in the Ottawa area and thousands more via social media to discuss positive definitions of masculinity — which foster acceptance and builds better relationships with others, especially women.

Schaaf, who estimates that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 boys experience sexual violence, is well aware of the locker room talk and understands the nature of it.

"As men, we are often under pressure to prove ourselves to other men by acting tough, bragging about sex with women, and showing willingness to use violence," he wrote in an email. "We aren't satisfied with that definition of manhood because it underlies violence against women and violence among men."

Working with high school and varsity athletes, including an active relationship with CFL players like Black, Schaaf's work aims to better bridge the conversation.

Black feels it's important, now as a father and leader, to have these discussions with men but to also empower young women, to give them courage and support them if they suffer violence.

"Do what we need to do to empower young women, so that when something inappropriate happens to them, they know that it's OK to come forward and tell your story," Black said.

METRO ASKS

"What do you talk about in your locker room?"

PERRY KING FOR METRO

We're talking about whatever is going down that day. Sometimes we'll talk about females but we always stay respectable.
- Andrew Madeira-Silva

Toys. I drive a motorcycle so if I find someone who shares the same passion, I talk about the thrill that comes along with riding and we bond over that shared hobby.
- Joseph Mercadante, purchasing assistant

Gossip and boys.
- Katie Campbell, student

Usually about current games on TV or, maybe I'm childish, cartoons like any other person. I don't talk about any random groping like Donald Trump but I'm a human being. If I see a girl who's attractive, I'll bring it up to my homies."
- Khristopher Robinson, photography

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ADVICE

Get your budget back on track with these five tips

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

Five ways to improve your finances in just one day. ISTOCK

Life's busy, isn't it? And so often we feel like there just isn't enough time to get everything done. Between work and schlepping the kids to their activities, dinner, laundry, the lawn and getting the car tuned up, where's the "me time"?

There's nothing like having a day off work. Whether you've booked it off to go on that school outing with the kids or to visit with a friend you haven't seen in years, those vacation days are treasures. Sometimes you have to take a sick day to get over a bad bout of the weekend. And sometimes you need a mental-health day to get yourself out of the miasma that life has swirled you into.

Imagine if you had a whole day to focus on your money and get it back on track. It'd be the day when you look at all the things that aren't just humming along and find ways to improve them.

What would you do on your Money Day?

1. Call your insurance broker and make sure you've got the best deal on your home and auto insurance. While you're at it, if you've been putting off putting life and disability insurance in place, get the ball rolling.

2. Add up your debts and make sure you're on track to get it paid off within a reasonable time frame. Haven't done a debt-repayment plan yet? Hey, this is the perfect day to do it.

3. Review your bank statements for your accounts and make sure you aren't paying too much in bank charges. Are you earning as much as you can on your savings? If not, look around online at the high-interest-rate options available to earn more money on your hard-earned savings.

4. Review your budget. You should do this at least once a year. Better yet, twice. Are you spending what you planned? Have some categories grown over the past few months, necessitating that you trim back elsewhere? Are there expenses that have crept up slowly and are now eating more of your money than you'd imagined? Get out the paring knife.

5. Look over your retirement plan. Don't have one yet? Open up a retirement savings plan and start setting aside $25 a month for your future. Make a date (put it in your calendar) to up the amount to $50 a month because you've found a way to trim some money from your nice-to-have expenses. If you've been diligently saving for the future, review your investments and see if you're happy with the way things are going.

Your Money Day is also the day you put your will and your powers of attorney into place (finally!) and have a visit with your money team (investment advisor, insurance broker, etc.) to make sure they're keeping you front and centre in their minds.

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Bringing Fairtrade home

Fairtrade coffee makes its journey to Canada – right to your cup

Fairtrade is first and foremost a grassroots movement. In Canada, the organization has an active, motivated and passionate network of volunteers that are part of a variety of interconnected initiatives – Fair Trade Towns, Fair Trade Campus, Fair Trade Schools, Fair Trade Workplaces, are some of them.

Among these, Fair Trade Towns is the largest program, he says. "We currently have 22 towns across Canada, including Toronto, which have changed their procurement policies; where the local administrations, mayors and municipal counsellors are big supporters of Fairtrade and we have a dedicated committee of volunteers that keep the project alive."

The more we understand the impacts the more conscientious we are about how we consume. And Canadians are driving demand: There are currently almost 7,000 products in Canada that are Fairtrade certified.

And the power of the consumer is only growing. According to Fairtrade Canada, 84% of Canadians would switch brands for a brand that's affiliated with a good cause. And last year, Canadians generated enough sales to send $3 million in Fairtrade premium back to the producers. That demand has created a deluge of wide-ranging certified products on the market. "It's an exciting time for ethical shoppers in Canada," says Abad-Puelles. "And that's incredibly important."

Making a difference

While Canadians, with their buying power, can play a huge part in the process, they seldom see the impacts they're having. And Abad-Puelles says they're typically keen to share their experiences.

"A huge difference in our lives is that now our children can actually go to school," says Anselmo Huaman Moreto, founding member of CENFROCAFE farming co-operative in Peru. "Our coffee is also being recognized in the market for the quality we produce. And our members can be proud again to be farmers."

In many cases it's not only a reaffirmation of pride, but also about bolstering sustainability for smaller farms.

"I've been five years under the Fairtrade certification and selling my coffee in the organization," says Miguel Lopez Velasco from YaxCoffee in Mexico. "As a small producer I could see a change in my activity the economic development of my family. Right now the benefits I receive are having a better price for my coffee, but also I'm receiving training in the improvement of the quality of my coffee. Now I take care of the nature, the trees and the water – all this thanks to the support of Fairtrade."

Back in Canada, Eric Shabsove, president of Mountain View Coffee, importer and roaster of coffees from around the world, and curator for Toronto Star's Masthead Coffee Club, is keen to trumpet his company's Fairtrade commitment.

"We are one of the founding members of Fairtrade Canada," says Shabsove. "Fairtrade guarantees the farmers and their families a fair market price for the coffees they produce, ensuring a proper living wage for their harvest. It's great supporting the farmers with every sip you take."

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Union await in 1st round of playoffs after TFC misses bye

SUNDAY At BMO Field

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Toronto FC ended the regular-season on a winning note Sunday, missing out on a first-round playoff bye but not short on confidence as it prepares to face the Philadelphia Union in a mid-week MLS knockout game.

Led by Sebastian Giovinco's goal and assist, Toronto defeated the lowly Chicago Fire 3-2 to up its single-season franchise record to 53 points.

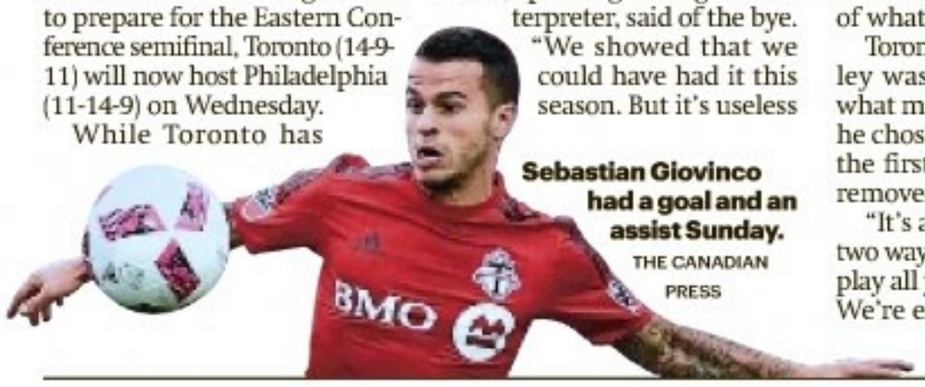
Toronto, which started the day in third place, had needed to beat Chicago and have New York City FC tie or lose to Columbus to vault past NYCFC into second in the Eastern Conference and get the first-round bye.

NYCFC did not co-operate, scoring three late goals to win 4-1. So instead of having a week to prepare for the Eastern Conference semifinal, Toronto (14-9-11) will now host Philadelphia (11-14-9) on Wednesday.

While Toronto has only lost twice in its last 15 games (8-2-5), it forced the drive for a playoff bye to the final day by squandering points at home. Sunday's victory was Toronto's first win at BMO Field since Aug. 6, ending an 0-2-3 run at home. It also snapped a five-game winless streak (0-1-4) dating back to a victory over the Fire in Chicago on Sept. 10.

Given Toronto missed out on second place by one point, those dropped points cost the club dearly in its quest for the bye.

"It definitely was ours," Giovinco, speaking through an interpreter, said of the bye. "We showed that we could have had it this season. But it's useless to think of what could have been. It's better just to think of what is."



Sebastian Giovinco had a goal and an assist Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto captain Michael Bradley was also not thinking of what might have been. Instead he chose to see Philadelphia as the first playoff obstacle to be removed.

"It's a huge game, there's no two ways about it," he said. "You play all year to get to this point. We're excited to begin.

"If this part scares you, then you're in the wrong business."

Wednesday's game will be the first-ever home playoff contest for Toronto, which lost its post-season debut last year when it was beaten 3-0 in Montreal in the first round.

Bradley, who has talked in the past of the kind of character the club needs to succeed, likes what he sees when he looks around the Toronto locker-room this season.

"I think there isn't going to be a team in this league that is going to be excited about playing us in the next six weeks," he said. "If we can understand what's gotten us to this point, concentrate on every little detail, make sure that when the lights come on that every guy is ready to spill their guts onto the field. If we're able to make the important plays at both ends of the field, then I think I like our chances." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto FC's Jonathan Osorio scores past Chicago Fire keeper Patrick McLain on Sunday.
FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Mourinho humbled in return to Chelsea

Jose Mourinho was humiliated in his return to Chelsea as Manchester United's dithering defence was brutally exposed in a 4-0 loss Sunday by its ruthless hosts, who scored after only 30 seconds.

Mourinho endured chants of "You're not special anymore" from home fans at Stamford Bridge who adored the self-styled "Special One" when he was delivering trophies across two spells in charge of the London club.

Jose Mourinho GETTY IMAGES

With Gary Cahill, Eden Hazard and N'Golo Kante also scoring after Pedro Rodriguez's lightning opener, this capitulation by United was reminiscent of the gloomy final days of Mourinho's second Chelsea reign which was abruptly halted last December with his firing.

United is quickly discovering the managerial aura which saw Mourinho win trophies with FC Porto, Chelsea, Real Madrid and Inter Milan is not yet close to being restored.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIVISION TABLE

	W-D-L	GD.	Pts
Man. City	6-2-1	11	20
Arsenal	6-2-1	10	20
Liverpool	6-2-1	9	20
Chelsea	6-1-2	10	19
Tottenham	5-4-0	9	19
Everton	4-3-2	5	15
Man. United	4-2-3	1	14
S'hampton	3-4-2	3	13
Watford	3-3-3	0	12
Bournemouth	3-3-3	0	12
Crys. Palace	3-2-4	0	11
Leicester	3-2-4	-4	11
West Brom.	2-4-3	0	10
Burnley	3-1-5	-5	10
West Ham	3-1-5	-7	10
Stoke City	2-3-4	-7	9
Middlesbrough	1-4-4	-4	7
Hull City	2-1-6	-14	7
Swansea	1-2-6	-7	5
Sunderland	0-2-7	-10	2

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Cubs fans' loyalty finally paying off

With a mix of euphoria, relief and disbelief, long-suffering Chicago Cubs fans are shaking off superstitions and setting their sights on the team's first World Series in 71 years.

Loyal fans as far south as San Antonio, Texas, and as far west as Washington state restructured their worldviews to include the seductive possibility that they won't be disappointed again.

"For me, personally I had tears in my eyes. I've seen them come close," said Chicago native Jimmy Tingas, 47, who owns Wrigleyville Grill in San Antonio where he caters to homesick former Chicagoans. "We have one more task to do. I'm confident they're going to do it."

Chicago beat Los Angeles 5-0 in Game 6 of the National League Championship Series on Saturday night to set up a matchup against Cleveland. The World Series begins Tuesday.
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RUGBY IN BRIEF

Wolfpack schedule released

The Toronto Wolfpack will make their rugby league debut March 4 in England against the London Skolars.

The fledgling side will play five away games before making ITS home debut at Lamport Stadium against Oxford on May 6. The Barrow Raiders will follow, visiting the Wolfpack on May 20.

The Wolfpack will play in the third tier of England's rugby league, the Kingstone Press League 1.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Oilers keep Jets grounded outside

Cam Talbot made 31 saves and Zack Kassian had a goal and an assist as the Edmonton Oilers defeated the Winnipeg Jets 3-0 Sunday in the Heritage Classic.

The victory extended Edmonton's win streak to three games in front of 33,240 at Winnipeg's Investors Group Field, with fans wearing both Jets and Oilers jerseys at the league's 19th outdoor game.

Mark Letestu and Darnell Nurse also scored for Edmonton (5-1-0).

HERITAGE CLASSIC

3	0
OILERS	JETS

Connor Hellebuyck stopped 29 of 32 shots for Winnipeg (2-3-0).

The start of the game was delayed almost two hours to let the sun sink closer to the horizon, reducing glare. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jaws drop as Ajayi runs for 200 more vs. Bills

Jay Ajayi rushes during Sunday's game against the Buffalo Bills at Hard Rock Stadium. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

NFL

Dolphins' RB finds holes galore in win over Buffalo

As the NFL's newest rushing star, Jay Ajayi is carrying the Miami Dolphins toward respectability.

Ajayi tied a league record by surpassing 200 yards rushing for the second game in a row, helping Miami rally past the Buffalo Bills 28-25 Sunday.

Ajayi rushed for 214 yards in 29 carries after totalling 204 yards a week earlier in a win over Pittsburgh. He scored on a four-yard run and busted a 53-yarder when the Dolphins were pinned at their three and trailing in the fourth quarter.

The Dolphins (3-4) used an extra lineman much of the time to clear big holes for Ajayi, who tied the record for consecutive 200-yard games held by O.J. Simpson, Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams.

"It's surreal to me," Ajayi said. "The backs I'm in company with — that's huge. Those are Hall of Fame guys, guys I look up to."

Two weeks ago the Dolphins appeared strong contenders for the No. 1 draft pick in 2017, but the discovery of a ground game has revived their season under first-year coach Adam Gase.

SUNDAY In Miami

DOLPHINS	BILLS
28	25

> **Call it what you want, it's football.**
> Jarvis Landry, whose block on Aaron Williams caused the Bills safety to miss the second half.

"I know this — every time No. 23 kept getting the ball, he was popping a run," Gase said. "I was leaning on him."

Miami overcame an 11-point deficit with 16 minutes left to end a four-game winning streak by the Bills (4-3) and beat them for only the second time in their past seven meetings.

"We got outplayed, we got outcoached, we got out-everythinged," Buffalo coach Rex Ryan said. "They were the more physical team today, there's no doubt about that. They controlled the game."

With Ajayi briefly sidelined by cramps, Damien Williams carried half the Bills' weary defence into the end zone on a 12-yard touchdown run that put the Dolphins ahead with 3:56 to go. On their next possession, Ryan Tannehill hit Kenny Stills for a 66-yard score that made it 28-17.

The Dolphins recovered an onside kick with 13 seconds left to seal the victory.

Tyrod Taylor threw long to Marquise Goodwin for a 67-yard touchdown that put the Bills up 17-6 midway through the third quarter. The Dolphins responded with a 75-yard drive for their first touchdown, and scored 22 points in the final 15:18. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEEK 7 SCORES

THURSDAY
Packers 26, Bears 10

SUNDAY
Giants 17, Rams 10
Raiders 33, Jaguars 16
Jets 24, Ravens 16
Lions 20, Redskins 17
Bengals 31, Browns 17
Colts 34, Titans 26
Chiefs 27, Saints 21
Dolphins 28, Bills 25
Eagles 21, Vikings 10
Buccaneers 34, 49ers 17
Chargers 33, Falcons 30
Patriots 27, Steelers 16
Seahawks at Cardinals*

MONDAY
Texans at Broncos

*Sunday's late game

NBA

'Just the beginning': Raps lock in roster

Fred VanVleet's mom was still awake at 2 a.m. when he called her to let her know the good news — that he'd made the Raptors' 15-man roster.

She'd been up nervously awaiting word as well.

The point guard earned the one spot available, as the Raptors solidified their roster for Wednesday's season opener against the visiting Detroit Pistons.

He delivered the good news early Friday morning after the team arrived home from its final pre-season game in Washington. He never went to sleep afterward, spending hours communicating with family.

"I'm trying to stay in the moment, and I'm humble for the opportunity," he said Sunday. "You work your whole life up until this point, and then you realize it's just the beginning and you've got so much more to go."

> **He does not back down whatsoever from Kyle or Cory, he doesn't let them relax, there's no 'buddy ball' in scrimmages.**
> Coach Dwane Casey

Toronto also exercised its team options on Bruno Caboclo, Lucas Nogueira and Delon Wright on Sunday, extending their deals through the 2017-18 season. Brady Heslip, Drew Crawford, Jarrod Uthoff, E.J. Singler and Yanick Moreira were placed on waivers Saturday. The Raptors will also be without Jared Sullinger to start. The big forward was set to have surgery on Monday — he will have a screw inserted into the fifth metatarsal in his left foot, to alleviate symptomatic stress reactions.

VanVleet helped lead Wichita State to four straight appearances at the NCAA championship tournament.

Coach Dwane Casey said VanVleet is insurance at point guard. With guard Wright out after shoulder surgery, if "something unfortunately happened to Cory (Joseph) or Kyle (Lowry), you need that second point guard." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fred VanVleet had three points, six rebounds, two assists and a steal in 24 minutes in the Raptors' 119-82 pre-season loss in Washington on Friday night. NED DISHMAN/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

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IN BRIEF

Hamilton closes gap on teammate Rosberg
Lewis Hamilton got the victory he needed to keep his Formula One championship hopes alive. Now he needs more, and he needs Mercedes teammate and rival Nico Rosberg to make a mistake or have a bad race.

Hamilton won his fourth U.S. Grand Prix in five years on Sunday, bolting from pole position and cruising to an easy victory in Austin, Texas, that cut Rosberg's lead to 26 points with three races left. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Logano advances in NASCAR playoffs
Joey Logano grabbed a critical win to give Team Penske one car in the next round of NASCAR's playoffs. Denny Hamlin edged Austin Dillon for a final spot in the field on a tiebreaker Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway.

Logano wasn't in a must-win situation, but the victory gave him a guaranteed slot on a day when the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship field was cut from 12 to eight drivers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nguyen 6th at Skate America
Toronto's Nam Nguyen produced two clean programs including Sunday's free skate and took sixth spot to conclude Skate America, the first stop on the ISU Grand Prix circuit in figure skating.

Nam Nguyen GETTY IMAGES

Japan's Shoma Uno won the gold medal, Jason Brown of the U.S. was second and his compatriot Adam Rippon third. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rouge et Or roll to 6-1
Quarterback Hugo Richard threw three touchdown passes as the Laval Rouge et Or (6-1) won their sixth straight game in convincing fashion, routing the Bishop's Gaiters 44-0 on Sunday in Canadian university football action.

Elsewhere, Samuel Caron threw for 150 yards and two touchdowns as the Montreal Carabins (6-1) kept pace with Laval in the RSEQ standings thanks to a 30-5 victory over Sherbrooke (3-4). THE CANADIAN PRESS

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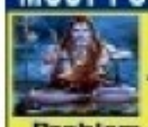

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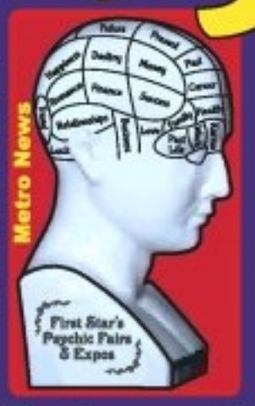

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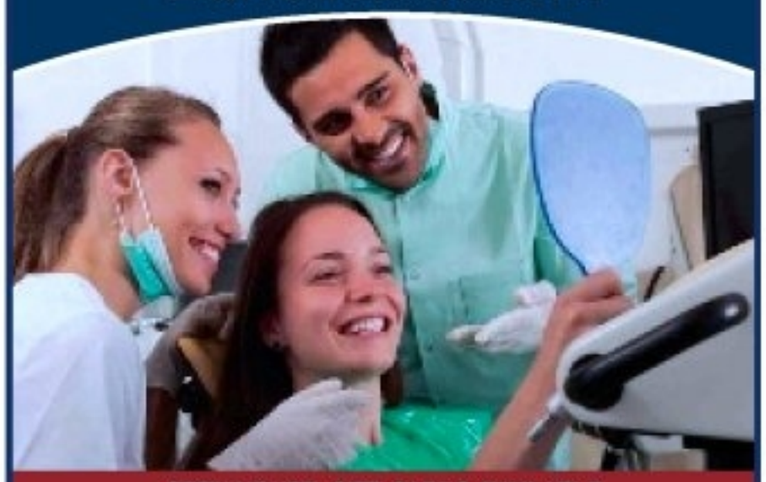

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Serves 6

Ingredients
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium zucchini, diced
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- salt and pepper
- 6 to 8 mushrooms, sliced
- 1 x 19 oz can of tomatoes
- 1 cup water
- 8 oz (250 grams) of dried pasta like farfalle
- 1 cup grated mozzarella
- 1 cup ricotta
- small handful of fresh basil

Directions

1. Warm up olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onions and garlic and allow to soften, about 3 minutes. Toss in zucchini, mushrooms and oregano. Stir occasionally 3 to 5 minutes until vegetables start to soften. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

2. Add tomatoes and break with the back of a spoon. Pour in water. Stir everything and bring to a simmer.

3. Pour pasta into the sauce and make sure it is submerged. Allow to simmer 15 minutes, stirring so it doesn't stick to the bottom.

4. When pasta is just about cooked, stir in mozzarella. Spoon ricotta over top of the dish. Cover the skillet for about 3 minutes to allow the cheese to warm through and soften. Sprinkle fresh basil before serving.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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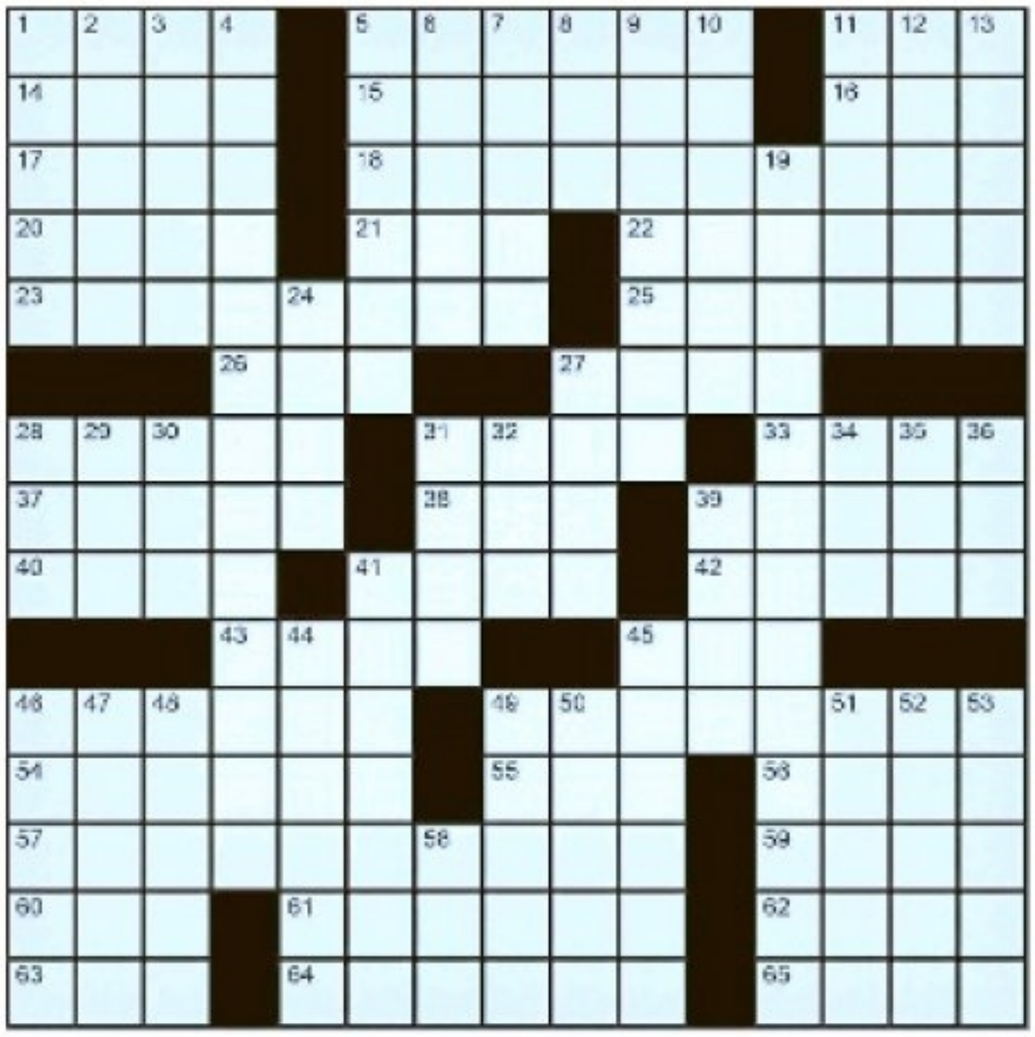

ACROSS
1. Ella Fitzgerald's singing specialty
5. Unpredictable result
11. NBA player in Ohio, for short
14. Story
15. High-__ fuel
16. The Altar constellation in space
17. Ms. Cummings of "Feed the Beast"
18. Park attraction in Victoria; or, a neighbourhood of Ottawa: 2 wds.
20. Like fine wine
21. Nova Scotia's __ Island, in Mahone Bay
22. Habituated
23. Droned delivery from the dais
25. Tart-tasting
26. Parked cars area
27. Cilantro, for one
28. Mr. Picasso
31. Traversed thing
33. Aware of the hoax: 2 wds.
37. Goodie
38. Following morn' time
39. Style
40. Talented tennis server
41. Essential part
42. Skillful
43. Branch balancer
45. "Close, __ no cigar!"
46. __ skiing (Resort recreation)
49. Supports a walk-a-thon
54. Domains
55. Communist leader of China, __ Zedong (b.1893 - d.1976)
56. Call it a day
57. "The Beachcombers" and "The Littlest Hobo", e.g.: 2 wds.
59. Reverse
60. Film __
61. Bathroom renovation replacement
62. Image
63. "Sure."
64. Records
65. Resist

DOWN
1. __ engine (Model train piece)
2. Shipment
3. Sci-Fi flick starring Sigourney Weaver
4. Sir John A. Macdonald is on it in your wallet: 3 wds.
5. Additionally: 2 wds.
6. 54-40's "__ Pearl"
7. Vampire impaler's weapon
8. Cul-de-quoi?
9. Squeakiness could mean a hinge is what?
10. Writer
11. Mummy's milieu
12. "Over the Rainbow" co-composer Harold
13. Canadian folk singer/songwriter of "Rock and Roll Song"
19. Cephalopod on menus in West Coast restaurants: 2 wds.
24. Beep!
27. Possesses, olde-style
28. Harper Valley, e.g.
29. Joan of what?
30. The Gees connecter
31. Bug killer brand
32. Frequently, short-style
34. Rob Roy's refusal
35. Pourboire
36. Food fragment
39. Human/goat forest deity
41. Continue with the trek: 2 wds.
44. Prisoner
45. Hikes up
46. Creative
47. Flood embankment
48. Accords
49. Cosmetic dentistry focus
50. One wearing out the carpet with worry
51. Weight unit
52. Get __ (Throw away)
53. __ silence
58. Puppy training order

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a wonderful, creative day for you! This is good news, because Aries is the artisan of the zodiac. You can do anything with your hands!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Postpone important family discussions for another day, because today is a poor day to make a decision. Just get the facts and do your homework well.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a good day to write or be creative. However, it's a poor day to shop for anything other than gas and food. This is not a good day for making important decisions or purchases.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Avoid important financial decisions today. Do not shop for major items — just shop for food and gas. Postpone important purchases and decisions until tomorrow.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a loosey-goosey day. Unfortunately, because it's Monday, you might try to begin something new or make a new decision. Don't do this; wait until tomorrow.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your efforts to research something or find a secret that you're looking for will be quite productive today. That's because it's easy for you to think outside of the box.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Enjoy schmoozing with friends today, because this is an easygoing (albeit goofy) day. Just hang out with people and have a good time.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Postpone important discussions with parents and bosses today, because whatever you initiate likely will not fulfill its purpose. Just go with the flow and keep treading water.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your appreciation of beauty is heightened today, which is why you will enjoy art galleries, museums, boutiques and beautiful parks. Take it easy today.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a poor day to make important financial decisions, especially about inheritances, taxes, debt and shared property. Wait until tomorrow.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A heart-to-heart talk with a close friend or a partner will be meaningful today because people are willing to let their hair down. They will take a chance on honesty.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your work scene will suffer from delays, poor decisions and inefficiency today. Just accept this and don't be hard on yourself or others. You will accomplish much more tomorrow.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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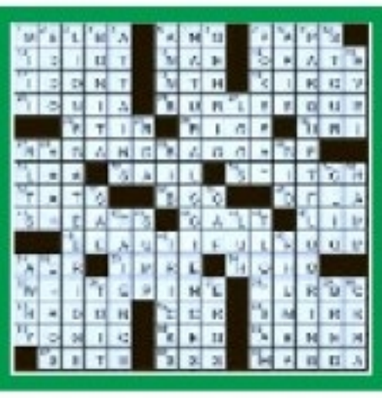

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In the sponsored content Learning Curve feature that ran Oct 11, we mistakenly identified Humber as the college that provides students with state-of-the-art photography equipment and facilities, when the correct school was Sheridan College. Sheridan is offering an Honours Bachelor of Photography. Metro regrets the error.

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